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<b>Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b>  Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	<b>Application Number</b>	09 / 870,868
	<b>Filing Date</b>	07/10/2001
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Gullickson et al.
	<b>Art Unit</b>	3679
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	Gregory J. Blinda
	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	115.9

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
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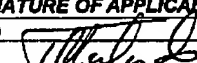
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**RESPONSE / AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, made final, dated April 14, 2003, a reply to which was originally due by July 14, 2003. This response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a three month extension such that the response may be timely filed by October 14, 2003, as well as a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114.

Please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** with amended drawing figures is attached following page 9 of this paper.